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Brigadier General C. M. McCorkle
Assistant Chief of Staff for Guided Missiles
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General McCorkle:

In connection with this Agency's guided missiles intelligence program, we are particularly concerned with the operations and activities of guided missiles test facilities in the Soviet Union. In order accurately to assess these activities, it is desirable and necessary for selected CIA personnel in charge of these programs to maintain a current knowledge of the general problems connected with test range matters.

It is requested that permission be granted for two Agency officers to visit Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. These officers are directly engaged in the CIA guided missiles intelligence program.

The following pertinent information is submitted:

a. Visitors' names, grades, badge numbers:

[Redacted box]

b. Personnel to be contacted:

Major General Donald N. Yates
Commander, Air Force Missile Test Center

Lt. William Churchill, USN
NSA Representative

Mr. Richard Yardy
Manager, Cape Canaveral

Dr. Nebus
Flight Test Engineer for Redstone Arsenal

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d. Date of visit: 20-21-22 January 1958.

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e. [redacted] have TOP SECRET and "C" clearance.

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If further details are needed, please contact [redacted]

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Your cooperation in this matter will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

C. P. Cabell
Lieutenant General, USAF
Deputy Director

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Brigadier General C. M. McCorkle
Assistant Chief of Staff for Guided Missiles
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General McCorkle:

It is requested that your office grant permission for two intelligence officers from the Central Intelligence Agency, [redacted] Chief, Support Branch, Guided Missiles Division, GS-15 and [redacted] USAF, Chief, Test Range Section, Support Branch, Guided Missiles Division, to visit Patrick Air Force Base, Florida from 20 through 22 January 1958 in connection with Guided Missiles intelligence matters. The personnel selected to make this trip are in charge of our efforts for exploiting Soviet guided missile test range activities.

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Thank you very much for your efforts in handling this matter and if you should have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact me personally by telephone.

Sincerely,

C. F. CABELL
Lieutenant General, USAF
Deputy Director/Central Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Deputy Director for Intelligence *Ref*

SUBJECT: Clearance of CIA Personnel to Visit
Air Force Missile Test Center at
Patrick Air Force Base, Florida

1. This memorandum contains recommendation for action in paragraph 3., below.
2. The USAF has, for good reasons, restricted the numbers of personnel, who wish to visit Patrick Air Force Base, to a minimum. Several months ago, CIA requested clearance for six people to visit this base. The request was initially denied, but through your personal efforts, the decision was reversed and our people were granted entry. Major General Donald N. Yates has personally been extremely cooperative and sympathetic to the intelligence problem. The clearance difficulty has arisen in the Pentagon.
3. We now need again to send two CIA intelligence officers to this base in connection with guided missile matters, and, rather than receive an initial negative reply, we suggest that prior approval be obtained at your level. The individuals involved and the proposed dates and purpose of trip are set forth in the attachment. The Office of Assistant Chief of Staff for Guided Missiles, Brigadier General C. M. McCorkle, controls access to the Air Force Missile Test Center.
4. Subsequent to the Director's recent visit to the Air Force Missile Test Center he stated that the GMIC should visit this facility. Contrary to my previous belief and statement to the Director, GMIC has not visited this installation; GMIC did visit the Army Ballistic Missile Agency at Redstone Arsenal. The personnel proposed for subject trip are not the CIA GMIC member. or alternates and would not be included in a GMIC visit. Their jobs, however, require current knowledge of guided missiles test range activities and problems; thus this request is submitted.


HERBERT SCOVILLE, JR.
Assistant Director
Scientific Intelligence

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